

**REMARKS**

Claims 27-30, 32-40, 42, 43 and 45-48 remain pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of these claims pending the removal of the indefiniteness rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 28, 32, 37 and 42 into independent form. Also, Applicants have addressed each of the indefiniteness rejections, as well as other minor informalities noted in the claims.

In particular, the features of original claim 21 (now forming part of several of the independent claims) have been amended to clarify the nature of the filtration volume as well as the correspondence between the elements in the installation. In particular, the filtration volume is defined as that which is filled with water to be filtered and has a height of water adapted to create a differential pressure. (Support is provided in the specification, for example, at page 24, lines 3-9.) Additionally, Applicants have clarified that each module receives the water to be filtered from the main raw water inlet and is coupled to the outlet of produced water. Regarding the term “installation”, Applicants respectfully submit the recited elements form an installation. It is not required that a “basin” be included in the features of original claim 21. Indeed, the basin is recited in other claims, such as claims 28 and 32 (which now form the independent claims in any event).

Regarding claim 37, Applicants respectfully submit that an installation having a dry compartment is proper, as shown in the exemplary embodiment of Figures 8 and 9 (see page 23, line 12 - page 24, line 2). Applicants have,

however, amended claim 37 to clarify the nature of the "closed ones of the raw water feed pipes".

Regarding claims 38 and 39, Applicants have deleted the "type" terminology contained therein. Other clarifications have also been made to address various informalities.

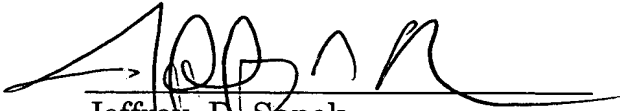
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the pending claims are now all in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #2143/49565).

Respectfully submitted,

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